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Page 1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT CHARLESTON IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,) Master File No. PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS) 2:12-MD-02327 LIABILITY LITIGATION) MDL-2327 _____) THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO THE) FOLLOWING CASES IN WAVE 1 OF) JOSEPH R. GOODWIN MDL 200:) U.S DISTRICT JUDGE DEE MCBRAYER AND TIMOTHY) Civil Action No. MCBRAYER, Plaintiff) 2:12-CV-00779 vs. ETHICON, INC., ET AL. Defendant.) ----X DEPOSITION OF THOMAS C. WRIGHT, JR., M.D. New York, New York March 29, 2016

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22 litigation in federal court.	_
23 Do you understand that?	?
24 A. I do.	
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1	pathologist, correct?	1	patients having preinvasive cervical
2	A. Correct.	2	disease.
3	Q. And within the field of	3	Q. And colposcopy is basically a
4	pathology, there are some subspecialties.	4	cervical biopsy?
5	As I understand it, you are an anatomic	5	A. Colposcopy is looking at the
6	pathologist?	6	cervix with a microscope, a long-range,
7	A. Correct.	7	dissecting microscope. We look, we
8	Q. That means, Doctor, that your	8	identify areas of abnormality, we take
9	medical practice has been one in which you	9	biopsies, and then if we find a
10	have looked at and interpreted tissue	10	precancerous condition, we treat it locally
11	samples over your career, fair?	11	with excessive types of methods.
12	A. Fair.	12	Q. Let me back up to your
13	Q. You have not been a clinician in	13	background, training and experience.
14	your medical practice?	14	Can you tell us, Dr. Wright, what
15	MR. COMBS: Object to form.	15	Wright Exhibit 2, which is marked and is in
16	Q. There will be times	16	front of you, is?
17	A. In which I don't know what to do.	17	A. This is my CV.
18	Q. I will talk to you about your	18	Q. Does your CV in effect serve as
19	history testifying in a second.	19	your resume and a description of your
20	There will be times today where	20	education, training and experience in the
21	counsel for Ethicon may make an objection.	21	field of medicine?
22	That objection can only be ruled on by	22	A. It does.
23	somebody who is not in the room today.	23	Q. If I look at Wright Exhibit 2,
24	So for the purposes of the	24	Doctor, I see that you completed a
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1	_	1	
1	transcript, he will make an objection,	1	residency in pathology, true? A. That is correct.
2 3	preserve it for the record, and then the	2 3	
4	day will come where that objection may be heard, but you get to go ahead and answer	4	Q. And then after your residency in
5	to the best of your ability. Fair?	5	pathology, you went on to do what's called a fellowship in gynecologic/obstetric
6	MR. COMBS: At all times today,	6	pathology some years later, fair?
7	go ahead and answer the question,	7	A. Fair.
	unless I were to direct you not to	8	Q. The difference between a
8 9	answer. The likelihood of that	9	-
10	happening is very small. It would only	10	residency and a fellowship is, after a student of medical school attends three
11	be if Mr. Perdue were to ask a question	11	
12	that I thought invoked privileged	12	years of medical school, they essentially choose their specialty path going forward,
13	materials or something like that.	13	true?
14	For the vast majority, what will	14	A. Yes.
15	happen today, either if I'm asking a	15	
16	question and Mr. Perdue objects, or if	16	Q. Your choice as of the third year of medical school, or your placement, was
Ŧ 0	he asks you a question and I object,	17	
17		18	in the field, the subspecialty of medicine called pathology, correct?
17 18	you just keen rolling	1 70	
18	you just keep rolling.	1 0	Λ Correct
18 19	THE WITNESS: OK.	19	A. Correct.
18 19 20	THE WITNESS: OK. MR. COMBS: We will let you know	20	Q. From the practice then as a
18 19 20 21	THE WITNESS: OK. MR. COMBS: We will let you know if anything changes.	20 21	Q. From the practice then as a pathologist after completed a residency,
18 19 20 21 22	THE WITNESS: OK. MR. COMBS: We will let you know if anything changes. A. For a number of years at	20 21 22	Q. From the practice then as a pathologist after completed a residency, you continued on to do some subspecialty
18 19 20 21	THE WITNESS: OK. MR. COMBS: We will let you know if anything changes.	20 21	Q. From the practice then as a pathologist after completed a residency,

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1	attending or a consultant, that would	1	the diagnosis and treatment of female
2	involve looking at the specific pathology	2	pelvic organ prolapse?
3	in that specific case and coming up with a	3	A. Correct.
4	pathologic diagnosis?	4	Q. You are not a urologist by
5	A. Correct.	5	training?
6	Q. Broader than just a	6	A. Correct.
7	case-specific, whether attending or	7	Q. You are not a urogynecologist by
8	consultant, have you ever, in any context,	8	training?
9	analyzed multiple patients or multiple	9	A. Correct.
10	experiences or research involved with the	10	Q. You are not a gynecologist by
11	histopathology of female tissue response to	11	training?
12	polypropylene meshes?	12	A. Correct.
13	A. I have looked at a number of	13	Q. You do not and have not performed
14	cases through this litigation.	14	gynecologic surgery?
15	Q. Again, in this particular	15	A. Correct.
16	litigation, you have looked at multiple	16	Q. You do not and have not performed
17	individual cases and have issued	17	urologic surgery?
18	corresponding individual reports regarding	18	A. Correct.
19	those reviews, fair?	19	Q. Fair to say you have never
20	A. Fair.	20	implanted a mid-urethral sling?
21	Q. But outside of the judicial	21	A. Correct.
22	context, it is fair to say that you have	22	Q. Fair to say that you have never
23	never engaged in a systemic review of cases	23	implanted a pelvic organ prolapse mesh?
24	or literature related to the topic of	24	A. Correct.
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1	polypropylene mesh and human tissue	1	Q. Fair to say you have never
2	response?	2	excised portions of a mid-urethral sling?
3	A. Correct.	3	A. Correct.
4	Q. So the record is clear, because	4	Q. Fair to say you have never
5	you mentioned when you talked about as a	5	excised portions of a pelvic organ prolapse
6	pathologist having some clinical	6	mesh?
7	experience, that experience is uniquely	7	A. Correct.
8	involved in the procedure called	8	Q. Any involvement that you would
9	colposcopy, as I understand it?	9	have in the issue of tissue response and
10	MR. COMBS: Object to form.	10	polypropylene mesh would be within the
11	A. Correct.	11	specialty of pathology, correct?
12	Q. Colposcopy being a procedure to	12	A. Correct.
13	diagnose a condition but also may be an	13	Q. So that is not a practice that
14	interventional procedure to treat upon	14	involves seeing the patient in an office
15	diagnosis?	15	setting, correct?
16	A. Correct.	16	A. Correct.
17	Q. And other than that specific	17	Q. It is not a practice that
18	instance, it is fair to say that you are	18	involves diagnosing a patient before a
	not in a practice that involves the	19	surgical procedure?
19		20	A. Correct.
19 20	diagnosis and treatment of stress urinary		
	diagnosis and treatment of stress urinary incontinence?	21	Q. It is not a practice that
20		21 22	Q. It is not a practice that involves making a clinical diagnosis on a
20 21	incontinence?	1	

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1	(Discussion off the record)	1	would have been outside of a litigation
2	Q. I did not see in your report, and	2	context, but in the actual experience and
3	based on the last answer, I want to	3	training of you as a pathologist, the way
4	understand, as far as the design history of	4	you would encounter tissue response to
5	Prolene mesh, are you familiar at all or	5	polypropylene mesh would be for a pathology
6	have any opinions regarding the design	6	sample to be excised by someone else in the
7	history of Prolene mesh?	7	operating room and sent to the pathology
8	A. I do not.	8	department, and that sample would be
9	Q. Whether a sufficient design	9	assigned to you?
10	analysis or failure analysis was done on	10	A. Correct.
11	this product before Ethicon put it on the	11	Q. That's the way that you would
12	market, fair to say you do not have any	12	have, in your experience, ever come across
13	opinions one way or the other?	13	one of these samples, fair?
14	A. No opinion.	14	A. Correct.
15	Q. As a pathologist, then, we have	15	Q. And the extent of which you were
16	already established you have never treated	16	familiar in your practice with what that
17	before surgery or followed up after surgery	17	individual woman's clinical symptoms were,
18	a woman suffering from stress urinary	18	were on the pathology requisition form,
19	incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse?	19	correct?
20	A. Correct.	20	A. Correct.
21	Q. The histology related to those	21	Q. So her other comorbidities, other
22	disease states is something you're familiar	22	symptomatology, before or after that
23	with from your experience?	23	surgery, was not something that you would
24	A. Correct.	24	have been aware of in your practice of
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1	Q. But the clinical effect of mesh	1	pathology, correct?
2	to treat those disease states is not	2	A. Correct.
3	something within your practice, fair?	3	Q. And the clinical indications that
4	A. Can you explain "clinical	4	you can recall seeing in your personal
5	effect"?	5	experience for pathological samples
6	Q. So you have never in your	6	submitted to you that involved mesh would
7	practice examined, interviewed, treated a	7	have been pain or erosion of mesh?
8	woman for stress urinary incontinence or	8	A. Correct.
9	pelvic organ prolapse after they have been	9	Q. I've marked, Dr. Wright, as
10	implanted with mesh?	10	Exhibit 3, a document that was provided to
11	A. Correct.	11	us by Ethicon's counsel, which is, as you
12	Q. You have never come across a	12	can see, titled "Thomas Wright's
13	situation as a pathologist where you needed	13	Supplemental Reliance List in Addition to
14	to analyze whether a mesh was effective in	14	Materials Referenced in His Report, MDL
15	curing an individual woman of stress	15	Wave 1."
16	urinary incontinence or pelvic organ	16	Do you see that, sir?
17	prolapse?	17	A. I do.
	A. Correct.	18	Q. Now, in your report, which we
18			1 1 5 5 1 11 1 1 2 2 2
18 19	Q. Fair to say that's just not	19	have marked as Exhibit 1, there are 33
18 19 20	Q. Fair to say that's just not something in the field of pathology that	20	footnotes, correct?
18 19 20 21	Q. Fair to say that's just not something in the field of pathology that you would come across in your experience,	20 21	footnotes, correct? A. References.
18 19 20 21 22	Q. Fair to say that's just not something in the field of pathology that you would come across in your experience, correct?	20 21 22	footnotes, correct? A. References. Q. References.
18 19 20 21	Q. Fair to say that's just not something in the field of pathology that you would come across in your experience,	20 21	footnotes, correct? A. References.

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1	Q. So your report concludes, "As the	1	it came from?
2	literature and my own experience have	2	A. And was it a TVT would be listed.
3	shown, the histologic findings cannot be	3	Is and we know anterior versus
4	correlated with clinical complications,	4	posterior, if it was a mesh. I might.
5	particularly in regards to inflammation,	5	They may say "posterior."
6	foreign body response and fibrosis, where	6	Q. Your personal experience with
7	histology studies have rejected such a	7	looking at excised mesh can't give us any
8	correlation."	8	data as far as the numbers of TVT versus
9	Do you see that?	9	POP Ethicon versus other manufacturers?
10	A. No. What page are you on?	10	A. Correct.
11	Q. I'm on page 11 and 12.	11	Q. You have no way of knowing in
12	A. Sorry, I was in the conclusion.	12	your personal experience how much of it may
13	Q. Yeah. I'm leaving the Occulip	13	have been Prolene versus Prolene Soft,
14	stuff. Sorry. Yeah, the very bottom	14	correct?
15	there. Before the Occulip stuff.	15	A. Correct.
16	A. "As the literature and my own	16	Q. Is it ultimately your opinion
17	experience have shown" correct?	17	that there is no pathology finding that
18	Q. Yes, sir.	18	would be seen in a microscope of
19	A. Correct.	19	inflammation, foreign body response, nerve
20	Q. And so it is your position	20	entrapment, fibrosis formation, that in
21	that is your position, as Dr. Wright,	21	your opinion correlates to a clinical
22	pathologist, even after we've reviewed the	22	symptom of pain, dysfunction, sexual or
23	Hill article, correct?	23	urinary you know, that?
24	A. Correct.	24	MR. COMBS: Object to form.
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1	Q. And also we have talked about	1	Q. I didn't want to say erosion,
2	your personal experience in reviewing	2	because you told me you can see
3	explanted meshes?	3	pathologically erosion.
4	A. Correct.	4	A. Erosion has clear pathological
5	Q. Can you give us an estimate of	5	features.
6	the number of explanted tissue-mesh samples	6	Q. That's why I wanted to stop at
7	that you have reviewed in your career?	7	that waterfront, Doctor.
8	A. We review a handful a year at	8	So my question is this: Is it
			so my question is time. Is it
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2	microscopic event on a much, much grander	2	female's symptomatology or clinical
3	scare, fair?	3	presentation may be for an integrated
4	A. I take the brick and I make it	4	pelvic mesh?
5	into a brick wall.	5	A. Correct.
6	Q. That's right.	6	MR. PERDUE: OK. I think I had
7	So that brick wall can be the	7	one other, but I'm finished. I'm done.
8	size of a sling or it can be a brick	8	Thank you, Doctor.
9	building the size of a POP mesh, fair?	9	EXAMINATION BY
10	A. Fair.	10	MR. COMBS:
11	Q. What you are seeing at the level	11	Q. Dr. Wright, what is the
12	of a single brick is different than what	12	discipline that makes the determination of
13	may be going on, on a gross level, fair?	13	a cause of the symptomology of a woman who
14	A. The individual components, the	14	has had implanted mesh? Is that a
15	host tissue response to the individual	15	pathologist or urogynecologist?
16	components is the same, which is what I was	16	A. That would be a urogynecologist.
17	responding to. It is just that there are	17	Q. I should have asked that question
18	many more individual components.	18	first. Off the record.
19	Q. Right.	19	(Time Noted: 12:35 p.m.)
20	And so for example well,	20	1 /
21	you for the ladies and gentlemen of the	21	
22	jury, what is your pathologic understanding	22	
23	of what a suture, a Prolene permanent	23	
24	suture is designed to do?	24	
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